

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

JUNE 6, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on June 2, 2011, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Bob Roberts, Daniel Hepner, Richard Dornisch, Dennis Nero, Richard Gabler, Jr., Steven Skok, and Manager David Greene.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Fred Haas, Bill Granché, Steve Michuck, Ned Jacob, Warren Stewart, and Richard Sadley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 16, 2011

Richard Gabler, Jr., made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2011, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor, except Bob Roberts, who abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

There were no legislative action items on the agenda.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Parking Garage

Manager Greene stated the Parking Garage was 67% complete and on schedule with the completion date of July 15th of this year. He also stated the Area Transportation Authority should be contacting the City sometime this week regarding their portion of the project.

Street Paving

Manager Greene also provided an update on the City's street paving projects. He stated the contractor HRI has completed the milling process, and the City's Street Department was working with Bucktail Excavators to complete the base repair along with raising manholes. The Street Department was also performing crack sealing on various roadways. Since the cost to rent the machine for the crack sealing was approx. \$4,500 a month, the completion of the work would be within one month.

Route 255/ South St. Marys Road

Mayor Geyer asked for an update on the Route 255 project and Manager Greene responded PennDOT was supposed to be working on the acquisition of property at this time. A tentative start date would be late fall or early spring. Demolition of any acquired properties would be prior to the actual start date.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

Bill Granché

Bill Granché, citizen of Elk County, provided Council with an explanation of the Glass Spiegel Act and requested Council contact Congressman Glenn Thompson to encourage him to support HR-1489. He also requested Council consider adopting a Resolution to support HR-1489. He stated this was a bi-partisan effort to reinstate the Glass Spiegel Act to prevent bailouts to Wall Street and prohibit speculating depositor's money.

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Warren Stewart

Warren Stewart questioned what will happen to the Resolution for the expansion of the Redevelopment District since there was a tie vote at their last meeting. Mayor Geyer stated that Solicitor Jacob had stated at the prior meeting the "motion died" during the vote on the Resolution. Mr. Stewart also questioned if Mr. Yoder was still the developer in the City and Manager Greene responded yes. Mr. Stewart then asked how the Parking Garage parking fees would be regulated and Manager Greene responded he was working on different options. Mr. Stewart also had concerns with parking meters along Depot Street. It was determined the installation of meters was not in the Depot Street bid. He was concerned with reduced parking revenue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Hepner

Councilman Hepner reminded Council and residents the Elk County Gas Task Force was sponsoring an informational seminar regarding Marcellus Shale on June 14th, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the St. Marys Area Middle School.

Councilman Roberts

Councilman Roberts asked Manager Greene if he was attending the North Central Roadway Symposium and Manager Greene responded yes.

Councilman Dornisch

Councilman Dornisch commented he was upset the clock on City Hall was not the correct time.

Councilman Gabler

Councilman Gabler commented he thought the recent Memorial Day Parade was fantastic and thanked the many participants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

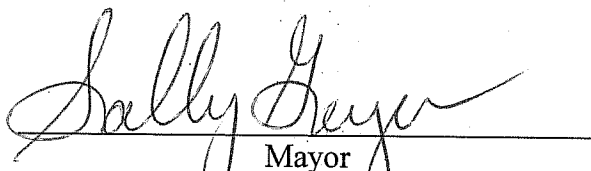
Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- The next Council meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Gabler, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting.


Recording Secretary


Mayor